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**Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations**

## Outsourcing practices in the United Nations

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the review of outsourcing practices at the United Nations,[1] the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "The challenge of outsourcing for the United Nations system"[2] and the comments of the Administrative Committee on Coordination thereon,[3] the report of the Secretary-General on United Nations outsourcing practices[4] and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon,[5]

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that programme managers are guided by the basic reasons for outsourcing, as indicated in paragraph 4 of the report of the Secretary-General,[4] and the goals, as indicated in paragraph 13 of the same report;

2. *Endorses* the United Nations guidelines on outsourcing set out in the report of the Secretary-General,[4] pending consideration of the report requested in paragraph 3 below;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to define, in a more detailed way and with justification, the criteria for decisions on which activities and services should or should not be outsourced, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session.

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[1] A/51/804.
[2] A/52/338.
[3] A/52/338/Add.1.
[4] A/53/818.
[5] A/53/942.

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